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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN SITREP, OCTOBER 16

1. MEDIA REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT WE RESUPPLYING ARMS TO ISRAEL AND TO PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY RESTRAINED. PRESS, TV AND RADIO REPORT DETAILS MORE OR LESS FACTUALLY AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIALIZING TO DATE. OPPOSITION AL-ALAM'S HEADLINE READS, "NIXON WARNS OF AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION TO PROTECT ISRAEL." OPPOSITION L'OPINION SAYS IN SMALLER HEADLINE "USA READY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN MIDDLE EAST." PRO-GOVERNMENT LE MATIN SAYS IN SMALL HEADLINE, "NIXON REAFFIRMS TOTAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL." DOES NOT GIVE DETAILS

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HIS REMARKS AS OTHER TWO PAPERS DO. UMT-SUPPORTED MAGHREB

INFORMATIONS HAS LARGE HEADLINE SAYING "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM
READY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY."

2. AS INDICATED OUR 4671 YESTERDAY, LOCAL REACTION TO ARMS
RESUPPLY OPERATION LIKELY BE KEYED TO REACTION OF OTHER
ARAB STATES. EGYPTIAN REACTION, WE UNDERSTAND FROM BBC,
RELATIVELY RESTRAINED SO FAR, WHICH IS GOOD SIGN AS FAR AS
OUR POSITION HERE CONCERNED.

3. RABAT REMAINS CALM. POLICE HAVE RESPONDED TO SITUATION
WITH INCREASED GUARDS ON EMBASSY AND DOWNTOWN ANNEX AND WITH
TWO POLICEMEN ASSIGNED MY RESIDENCE. NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS
SO FAR. CHECK WITH 153 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT
COUNTRY YESTERDAY INDICATED NO INCIDENT.

4. LAST NIGHT MAHJOUBI AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKED ME WHEN
AMBASSADOR NEUMANN WAS ARRIVING AND SAID MOROCCANS
LOOKING FORWARD HIS COMING. THIS I TAKE AS ENCOURAGING
STRAW IN WIND INDICATION NO THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO LIMITING
OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ALSO SOVIET AMBASSADOR KIKTEV
CALLED THIS MORNING TO ASK WHEN AMBASSADOR ARRIVING BECAUSE
HE WANTS MEET HIM AT AIRPORT.
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